1. is the Government aware of the great inconvenience felt by the public on account of the way in which metal is collected by the road side, especially in places where there is hardly room for two vehicles to pass through;

2. will the Government be pleased to take early steps to remove this grievance?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1. Yes. In a few places.

2. Narrow portions of road are being widened and provided with metal tables. The contractors have also been ordered not to stack metal within 7 ft. from the centre of the road.

Vattikkal Toll-gate.

93. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. (a) the date on which the Vattikkal toll-gate located on the border line between the Kanayannur and Mulanthuruthi villages was sanctioned;

(b) the principle upon which the particular toll-gate was located;

2. will the Government be pleased to place on the Council Table the orders for opening the same and the correspondence in connection with it;

3. was the said toll-gate intended to be located on the border line between Cochin and Travancore?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) 16th June 1930.

(b) Toll-gates are established under the provisions of Cochin Ferries and Tolls Regulation III of 1082. The object of establishing tolls is to make the owners of vehicles, using the roads, contribute something towards the maintenance of the roads.

2. The Huzur file is placed on the Council Table.

3. No.

Superannuated Officers.

94. Dr. K. Sankara Menon.—With reference to the list of superannuated officers published as Appendix II to the answer to question 139 of the Legislative Council Session of Dhanu 1105, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether all these officers have now retired from service;

(2) whether excepting Nos. 4, 5 and 6, in the list, the others did not block the way of promotions to their juniors during the extensions granted to them;

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